

Resource Action (PM&E) Identification Form

It is anticipated that potential Resource Actions may be very preliminary at this stage. Please fill out as many sections as possible but, at a minimum, sections 1, 2, and 3. Resource Actions may be refined, reviewed and screened over time through Work Group, Plenary and Settlement discussions.

1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:

IMPROVE PROJECT SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION

(BC PM&E #4b)

2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:

a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical:

(1) DWR shall sponsor a series of task force meetings (2 or 3?) attended by DWR, and local, State and federal law enforcement agencies which operate within Project boundaries concerning enhancing coordination between such agencies and providing adequate funding to such agencies to facilitate coordinated law enforcement activities as a condition of the new (2007) FERC license and shall provide such funding to such agencies during the entire term of the new FERC license, in order to mitigate for additional law enforcement activities necessitated by visitors to the Project and also to provide adequate funding in order to and protect resources and provide a secure, accessible wildlife viewing and recreating venue in the Project Area.

(2) Close coordination with the Recreation Work Group concerning an analysis of what is necessary in the way of additional law enforcement funding to prevent diminished attendance in and closures of “problem” areas, so that the entire Project remains open for wildlife viewing and recreation.

a. RWG-S/O25 – Add rangers/increase LOSRA security: Hire and support additional (4 or 5?) staff to patrol Lake Oroville, Diversion Pool, and Thermalito Afterbay facilities, to increase frequency of law enforcement presence and protect resources and visitors.

b. LWG 7 – Provide an emergency boat for CDF: Purchase a boat and associated equipment for Lake Oroville that will provide for fire and rescue response. The rescue/fireboat would be operated by the Butte County Fire Department out of the Bidwell Marina. To support the rescue/fireboat, the fire department would require a mooring spot.

c. LWG (no number) – A centralized facility is needed for law enforcement and fire/rescue protection in the highly visible low flow recreation area. With the increased usage, there is a need for a facility that is central to

the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet, Oroville Wildlife Area, and Low Flow Recreation Area.

(3) DWR shall, prior to conducting the task force meetings set forth above, conduct a full analysis of whether law enforcement resources available to the project from all local, State and federal agencies is sufficient to meet anticipated present and future problems in the entire Project area.

a. The above analysis shall include, but not be limited to, the development of response plans to various anticipated events and criminal acts.

b. Such response plans shall include, but not be limited to an analysis of the following:

1. required agency participation, including staff levels for each agency
2. required equipment
3. response times
4. which agency is designated as the first responder
5. command post location
6. hierarchy of authority

c. The above analysis shall include, but not be limited to the development of resource/area protection plans for various significant resources and areas within the project, including, but not limited to archeological sites and culturally significant areas.

(4) Provide mitigation for additional law enforcement activities necessitated by Project facilities and visitors thereto.

(5) Provide mechanisms to encourage coordination between local, State and federal law enforcement agencies operating within the Project boundaries, such as shared communications networks, additional communications equipment and periodic organizational meetings and periodic evaluation utilizing adaptive management concepts.

b. Any physical or operational changes:

X Yes G No G Don't know

If Yes, Please explain: Facilities, such as law enforcement agency substations may be needed. In addition, increased law enforcement may require operational changes. For example, some of the necessary capital and operational improvements are described in Item 2a above.

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c. Proposed start date and duration

Start (month/yr): Immediately Duration (month(s)/yr(s)): To the end of the license period and any reopenings of the license.

d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)

G Inside G Outside G Don't know

Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillereicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: To be defined.

- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate:

There are no alternatives if security is provided by existing law enforcement agencies, however, DWR could consider contracting with a private firm to provide security on a project-wide basis.

- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s):

One method for evaluating success would be to conduct a baseline survey of the numbers of criminal contacts/offenses on the Project annually and which areas were closed to the public in order to address criminal contacts/offenses, then periodically conduct surveys to determine whether there has been any increase in the number of criminal contacts/offenses and how many closures of areas within the Project were required in order to address such contacts/offenses. A successful resource action will result in fewer criminal contacts/offenses on the Project and a fewer number of closures.

- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action:

The proposed actions are highly feasible.

- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

- X Land Use and Management
- G Recreation & Socioeconomics
- G Cultural Resources
- G Engineering and Operations
- G Environmental

3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:

- a. Organization name: County of Butte

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- d. Date prepared: April 2, 2004.
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: County of Butte

Please fill out the following questions to the best of your ability, understanding that you may not have this information or it may not be available.

4. Resource Goals:

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate:

Including, but not limited to, the following: All Environmental – Terrestrial resource goals; A02.01, A03.01, A03.03, A03.04, A04.04, LM01.01, LM01.02, LM01.03, LM01.04, LM03.01, LM03.02, LM04.01, LU01.01, LU01.03, R01.07, R01.08, R01.09, R01.13, R01.14, R01.18, R01.25, R02.01, R02.02, R02.04, R02.05, R02.06, R02.08, R02.09.

- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal:

The many applicable resource goals cannot truly be achieved unless the above-described Resource Actions are incorporated into the relicensing solution and implemented by DWR. Please see 5b below.

5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s):

Applicable Resource Issues: F3, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, LU2, LM1, LM3, R1, R2, R4, R5, R6.

- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address:

The Project area is one of the most important recreational areas in Butte County. DWR has the responsibility to provide adequate resources and funding to maintain the area for its mandated multiple uses. Adequate and coordinated law enforcement is a critical element of the continued recreational viability of the Project. The Area has not been adequately maintained for many years due to lack of funding, lack of adequate facilities and security for visitors, has an increased potential for fires, and has been a dumping ground for trash. Adequate and coordinated law enforcement can make the Project area a more successful recreational area, by enhancing access, personal safety, Project security and Project appearance. DWR must provide adequate catch up funding to meet its obligations under existing agreements and the original FERC license. DWR must also provide additional funding during the term of the new FERC license to meet its existing obligations and for the actions proposed in Resource Action.

The Project area is within the greater Oroville area and thereby presents special opportunities to partner with local government and private enterprise to promote and develop a broad cross-section of activities to attract an increased number of visitors and users.

- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to:
Butte County General Plan